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Editors' Foreword

On behalf of *Hastings Environmental Law Journal*, we proudly present our Summer 2018 Issue. This issue includes four cutting-edge articles from practitioners and two notes written by UC Hastings students.

The issue begins with articles addressing an enduring issue for California, water. First, Deidre Duncan and Clare Ellis advocate for reform to the states' water quality certification process in *Clean Water Act Section 401: Balancing States' Rights and the Nation's Need for Energy Infrastructure*. Second, in *Balancing a Watershed Approach to Stormwater Management*, Sean Bothwell and Kaitlyn Kalua examine California's new Industrial Stormwater Permit, the first-in-the-nation to include enforceable numeric standards. Third, Joanna Hossack explains how California's new cannabis regulations utilize a novel method to regulate irrigation and diversion in *Leading the Way in Sustainable Practices, How the Cannabis Cultivation Policy is Rethinking Water Management in California*.

Next, Oladele Ogunseitan's article, *Embracing Global Warmth and Climate Resilience Through Green Chemistry Legislation*, discusses legislation that exempts toxic chemicals from consumer products regulations because their potential to mitigate climate change outweighs their perceived risk to human health and the environment. Also on the topic of toxic chemicals, UC Hastings student Alex Sauerwein advocates for a glyphosate ban in California in his note, *The Shortcomings of Regulating Pesticides Internationally and How Disadvantaged Communities Pay the Price*.

Our final student note authored by Mary Haley Ousley, *Precedent, Politics, or Priorities: Are Courts Stepping out of Their Traditional Judicial Bounds when Addressing Climate Change?*, discusses the merits of the judicial branch serving as an open forum for climate change debate.

We would like to conclude Volume 25 with a deep and heartfelt expression of gratitude to our authors, who worked closely with us to prepare their scholarship for publication, and our exceptional staff, whose diligence and long hours made our issues possible. We stand on the shoulders of everyone who came before us and enabled this journal to thrive for the past quarter-century. We look forward to seeing the next wave of students take up the mantle and eagerly await the scholarly works yet to come in the next 25 years.

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